

MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS  
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## WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



Ooh ooh ! What a winter ! Hopefully we have seen the last of the massive amounts of snow we've had this year, and can all look forward to a nice bright Spring !



Please note, there is a Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board Public Hearing at Town Hall on March 19, 2026 at 10:30 am. All are welcome to attend. The Council Engagement Session has been moved to March 23, 2026 at 4:30 pm (this will be held at Port Royal Legion #21).

Fire restrictions come back into effect March 15th. This is around the time that things will hopefully have dried out and everyone begins thinking of brush clearing and burning yard waste. Please ensure you check the burn restrictions before you plan to start burning ! Fines remain at \$25,000.

Changes will be happening regarding Spring/Fall Clean-up. From April 1, 2026 there will not be a Spring / Fall Clean-up collection. Bulky waste will be collected on the same day as regular curbside collection on public roads, The limit will be two items per bi-weekly collection.

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6, 2026 for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Members of Council

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Open Monday to Friday /  
8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Public access to Town Hall will be  
available only during the hours  
10:00 am to 3:00pm

Mayor Boyer Office Hours  
Available by Appointment

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deadlines vary monthly, with the  
deadline for the April 2026  
addition is  
March 24, 20256

Contact:  
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added to the email list.

Please contact:  
[kdunning@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:kdunning@annapolisroyal.com) or  
902-532-2043 ext. 110  
if you have any questions

## Budget

Town budget discussions are now underway with meetings planned for February 21. In the background, important changes are in the works at the provincial level which will have an impact on municipal budgets.

## Libraries

In February, the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities wrote to the Province raising concerns about undergoing underfunding for libraries, noting that the expired funding formula no longer reflects actual municipal contributions, including capital costs. *"Our members are calling for a renewed formula that properly recognizes municipal investments and increased provincial funding to meet growing community needs."*

## Fire Services

Elected officials attended a virtual meeting with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs on February 17 to discuss recommendations for modernization of fire services in the Province. These recommendations include setting Province-wide standards for fire departments and a new provincial governance structure to unite bits and pieces of fire services administration under one roof. To view the 40 recommendations that have been made by the Fire Services Association of NS, you can go to <https://www.fsans.ns.ca/governance-review-phase-2>).

The Minister has advised municipal units that a report reflecting all of the various consultations that have and will take place will be issued. The Province is considering a three-year transition plan.

## Future of Policing

Following on the release of another report, the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities will be asking for a meeting with the Province to discuss the future of police services in the Province. The report can be found here: <https://novascotia.ca/just/Publications/docs/policing-review-deloitte-2025-06-en.pdf>.

## Bus Driver Appreciation Day

On March 18, we can show our appreciation for bus drivers by riding the bus and/or waving at the drivers as they go by. Tickets cost \$4.00 or \$2.25 for seniors and are available at the pharmacy.



Mayor Amery Boyer

*Thank You...*

## Safe indoor Walking for Adults - Tuesdays and Thursdays 11AM - Noon

For those adults seeking the safety and stability of an indoor walking facility, please come to the Community Hub Gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11AM - noon. \$2 suggested drop-in fee, come join the fun that features great music, walking, and a welcoming and inclusive social environment. Walking aids such as poles and rolling walkers are available for those who would like to utilize them, please contact Noah at 902-955-1205 to discuss any assistance that is needed.

### Equipment Loan at the Community Hub Gym

Annapolis Royal Recreation offers FREE equipment loan programs based out of the Community Hub Gym. We provide snowshoes, Nordic walking poles, yoga equipment, Kicksleds and kids party games for a free weekly loan. For more information, please call 902-955-1205 or email [alc@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:alc@annapolisroyal.com)





## Full Moon Snowshoe Trek!

**Tuesday March 3 @ 7PM**  
**Annapolis Royal Skatepark**  
**112 Price Albert Rd. FREE!**

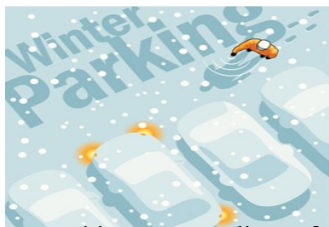
Please join us for an outdoor event celebrating community recreation, nature, and the full moon! There will be snowshoeing, kiksledding for kids AND adults courtesy of the County of Annapolis WinterACTIVE Team, hot cider, a bonfire, and snowshoes and headlamps provided for a trek around the French Basin Trail! In the event of not enough snow we'll still take a moonlit hike.

For more information, please call 902-955-1205

## Tax Reduction for Non-Profit Organizations

**A reminder to non-profit organizations wanting to apply for a tax reduction; in order to apply for the next fiscal year beginning April 1st, the deadline to submit a request is March 31, 2026. For details on the by-law and eligibility, please see:**

**[Non-profit Organization Property Tax Reduction - Town of Annapolis Royal](#)**



### Winter Parking Regulations

Under the authority of Section 202 of Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act:

- No parking or standing of any vehicle upon any street between the hours of 1:00 am and 7:00 am of the same day.
- No parking or standing of any vehicle upon any street that will hinder, inconvenience or prevent removal of snow or ice from such highway or street.
- No parking or standing of any vehicle upon any street during the period from one (1) hour after any snowstorm has commenced to two (2) hours after such snowstorm has stopped.

It also means that street parking is prohibited if Public Works is actively plowing or salting. Alternative parking is available at the “lower” town hall parking lot by the amphitheatre (**not** the upper lot on St George), at the “Irving” lot (please try to park closer to the water), at Market Square, and at the Skate Park.

**These regulations will be in full force and effectively annually from December 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026**

## Fraud: Be Scam Smart this Month

Every year, Canadians lose money to fraud. Canadians lost over \$275 million compared to \$106.6 million lost in 2020 (Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre). You may receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the Canada Revenue Agency, but is it really them?

Here is how you can tell the difference.

The CRA may contact you to:

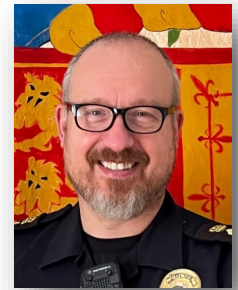
- ask about a tax debt
- start an audit process
- offer [free tax help](#) for your small business
- [offer support](#) in helping your clients access benefits and credits

The CRA will **not**:

- demand payments by Interac e-transfer, bitcoin, prepaid credit cards or gift cards from retailers such as iTunes, Amazon, or others
- use aggressive language or threaten you with arrest or sending the police
- leave voicemails that are threatening or give personal or financial information
- ask for a fee to speak with a contact centre agent

If you're unsure if the call you're getting is legitimate, hang up and contact the CRA at 1-800-959-8281. But keep in mind, scams are not always done through phone calls. You may come across them in text messages, emails, and mailed letters. Protect your personal and financial information by taking a moment to ask yourself if the caller or message is legitimate, before sharing anything.

Learn more about how to protect yourself at [Canada.ca/be-scam-smart](https://Canada.ca/be-scam-smart).



Chief Mark Kane



### **Property Taxes**

Tax bills are issued bi-yearly; April 30<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>. Bills must be paid within 30 days. Interest on unpaid monies will be applied after thirty days on the next business day following the due date.

### **Water Bills**

All properties are charged a flat fee water charge plus a usage fee. Vacant properties with water turned off are still charged the flat fee for service. Bills are issued quarterly; March 30<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 30<sup>th</sup>. Bills must be paid within 30 days. Interest on unpaid monies will be applied after thirty days on the next business day following the due date.

### **Bill payment methods:**

- cash at the Town office between 10 am- 3 pm Monday to Friday (closed on Stat holidays)
- mail a cheque to PO Box 310, Annapolis Royal NS B0S 1A0
- bring a cheque to the Town office, there is a drop box at the front door if office is closed
- online banking by adding the Annapolis Royal (taxes) or (water) as payee



# EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



March 1 to April 11

Exhibition - Carolle LeBlanc,  
Jacquie Savoie, Corinne  
Drapeau / Invitation To Our  
Journey

Exhibition - Julia Rosvall / I Am  
Torn & I Am Mended  
Exhibition - Sarah Reesor &  
Ray Mackie / Duality  
ARTSPLACE

March 1

Banff Mountain Film Festival  
World Tour  
King's Theatre

March 2, 9, 23 & 30

Monday Life Drawing Sessions  
ARTSPLACE

March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Monday Morning Storytime  
Annapolis Royal Library

March 3

Fullmoon Snowshoe Trek!  
Annapolis Royal Skatepark

March 4

Still Life Studio  
ARTSPLACE

March 6

Hourglass  
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

March 7

Theresa Malenfant &  
Kim Doolittle  
King's Theatre

March 8 & 22

Double Cribbage Tournament  
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

March 13

Alfie Zappacosta  
King's Theatre

March 15

2026 Oscar Nomination Short  
Films  
King's Theatre

March 18

You're Never Too Small To  
Dream Big  
King's Theatre

March 19

Billy Joel: My Life  
King's Theatre

March 22

Annapolis Guitar Quartet  
King's Theatre

March 27

Country Boys  
King's Theatre  
Stained Glass Jar  
Annapolis Royal Library

March 28

Exhibition - Tony Clark /  
Snapshots  
ARTSPLACE

Easter Craft & Collectibles Sale  
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

March 29

Stories That Move  
King's Theatre

March 30

Annual General Meeting 2026  
King's Theatre

March 31

ARCAC Annual General Meeting  
ARTSPLACE

## Upcoming Meetings

*Open to the public*

Planning and Heritage  
Advisory Committee  
March 2, 2026 @ 4:00 pm

Committee of the Whole  
March 3, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

Environment Advisory  
Committee  
March 11, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

Board of Police  
Commissioners (Quarterly)  
March 12, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Council  
March 18, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Nova Scotia Regulatory and  
Appeals Board - Notice of  
Public Hearing  
March 19, 2026 @ 10:30 am

Council Engagement Session  
March 23, 2026 @ 4:30 pm  
Port Royal Legion #21

Audit Meeting (Zoom)  
March 26, 2026 @ 12:00 pm



Community Hub refers to the Library, Innovation Lab, and program rooms located at 143 Ritchie Street.  
The Community Hub Gym is located at 578 St. George Street.

# TOWN HALL... STAY CONNECTED

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Town of Annapolis Royal is looking for residents interested in volunteering to serve as part of the following committees:

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Environment Advisory Committee (EAC)  
(1 position)

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee (PHAC)  
(1 position)

and the

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) are seeking volunteers  
(2 positions)

Contact: CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell at [cao@annapolisroyal.com](mailto:cao@annapolisroyal.com) or 902-532-2043 ext. 104



Help! My EV is low on charge, and I don't know where to go

Visitors to Annapolis Royal now have a plethora of charging choices. For those looking to spend some leisurely time in our fair town, we offer two free level 2 charging stations. The stations are located adjacent to the entrance to Fort Anne. Though they are labeled as Tesla charging stations (this is the type of plug they use), they are open to all. **Did we mention free?**



## WILDFIRE RISK SEASON - MARCH 15 - OCTOBER 15

Map is updated daily to show where burning is:

<b>ALLOWED</b> between 2pm and 8am (GREEN areas)	<b>ALLOWED</b> only at certain times (YELLOW areas)	<b>NOT ALLOWED</b> (campfires and brush burning) for your safety (RED areas)
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Please note: Check municipal bylaws first.

**Domestic brush burning and campfires**  
Restrictions apply March 15 to October 15

**No burning between 8am and 2pm**  
Restrictions are set at 2pm daily

Save your brush over summer to burn in winter when wildfire risk is low.

Burning restrictions apply to: domestic brush and campfires. A PERMIT IS STILL REQUIRED if burning is for: industrial land clearing, agriculture, building construction, blueberry crops. See local DNR office.

Check the online **BURNING RESTRICTIONS MAP** at [novascotia.ca/burnsafe](http://novascotia.ca/burnsafe)

NOVA SCOTIA

When can I burn? Check [novascotia.ca/BurnSafe](http://novascotia.ca/BurnSafe) or 1-855-564-2876 (BURN) for daily burning restrictions

For those in a hurry (slow down!) or who need a more significant charge, there are four new level 3 chargers in the parking lot at the Harvest Moon/French Basin trailhead. This area also boasts a skate park and a dog park. These stations have been provided by Nova Scotia Power. Though they are fast, please note they are not free. An app is required. **Full instructions are found on the chargers themselves.**



**UPDATE:**

We are writing to update you on the Dykeland System Upgrades Project (DSUP). Due to winter conditions, all on-site construction activities for Queen Anne/ Dentiballis marshes are suspended for the winter season beginning December 4, 2025. Work will remain paused through the winter months, with construction operations to resume one week after spring weight restrictions are lifted in April 2026.

For Alain River Marsh (Historic Gardens) pre-construction planning activities are underway, however, construction will not commence until after spring weight restrictions are lifted. The Nova Scotia Department of Public Works (NSDPW) will provide updates prior to work beginning in April. Please feel free to contact NSDPW with any questions that may arise, we are happy to provide assistance.

Calendars available at Town Hall for pick-up between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Waste Collection for the Town of Annapolis Royal is:



Friday, March 13, 2026  
Friday, March 27, 2026

From April 1, 2026 there will no longer be a Spring/Fall Clean-up - bulky waste will be collected on the same day as regular curbside collection on public roads, The limit will be two items per bi-weekly collection. Please contact Valley Waste for more information.



**ACCEPTED**

**BULKY WASTE ITEMS**

**NOT ACCEPTED**



**\*Limit of two items per bi-weekly collection.**

**HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**  
Such as a washer, dryer, or stove.

**NOTE:** Cooling devices such as fridges, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers, and dehumidifiers must be brought to our sites for CFC removal or display a certified CFC removal sticker.

**FURNITURE ITEMS**  
Such as a sofa, mattress, shelving. Any one furniture or appliance item can weigh up to 91kg (200lb): other items must weigh no more than 34kg (75lb) each. Carpet should be rolled in 4ft lengths.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
Such as a water tank, boiler (which must all be drained).

**CONSTRUCTION WASTE**  
Lumber or loose items must be bagged or tied securely in bundles no longer than 1.2 metres (4 ft). Nails should be bent over or removed.

**SMALL AUTO PARTS**  
No fuel or fluids

**COOLING DEVICES**  
Fridges, freezers, air conditioners, ice makers, water coolers, and dehumidifiers without a CFC sticker can be brought to our sites for a small fee to remove the CFCs.

**ELECTRONICS\*NEW\***  
Similar to televisions, you can bring kettles, computers, monitors, stereos, printers, telephones, hairdryers, countertop microwaves, air fryers, toasters, and more into our sites or participating EPRA locations for FREE. Visit <https://epra.ca/> for info.

**AUTOMOTIVE TIRES**  
Up to four rimless tires a day can be returned to any tire dealership, free of charge.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)**  
Visit [wrm.com](http://wrm.com) for information on disposal.

**HOUSEHOLD AND LITHIUM BATTERIES**  
Bring to our sites or participating locations for FREE!

**LARGE AUTO PARTS**  
Call your local auto salvage yard for more information.

**NEW!** As of April 1st, 2026, bulky waste will be collected on the same day as regular curbside collection on public roads. Residents on private roads should contact their cottage association for details.

**RULES FOR BULKY WASTE COLLECTION**

- A maximum of 2 bulky items will be collected per stop, with each item defined as a single object or securely tied bundle up to 4ft in length.
- Remove batteries from items; they can be dropped off at participating locations or our sites for free. This includes items with encased batteries.
- Do NOT leave items at the end of your driveway that you do not want collected, or mark them clearly with a sign that says **Do Not Collect**.
- Residents must remove any uncollected items from roadside after collection.

# COMMUNITY

## Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey

**What's Your Story?**

**STEP 1** Watch your mailbox!

**STEP 2** Look for this postcard with your unique code

**STEP 3** Go to our survey page and enter your code  
[engagenovascotia.ca/survey](https://engagenovascotia.ca/survey)

**STEP 4** Share your story by completing the Survey!

**Thank you!**

### Your Story?

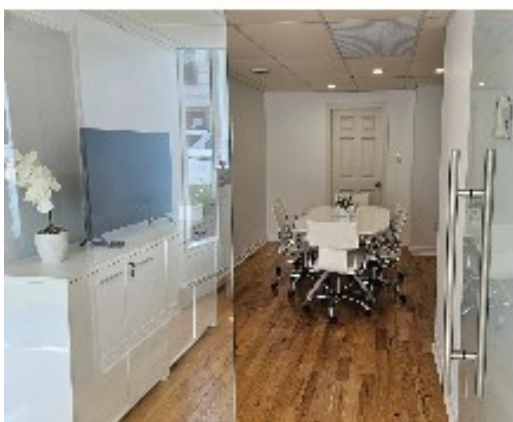
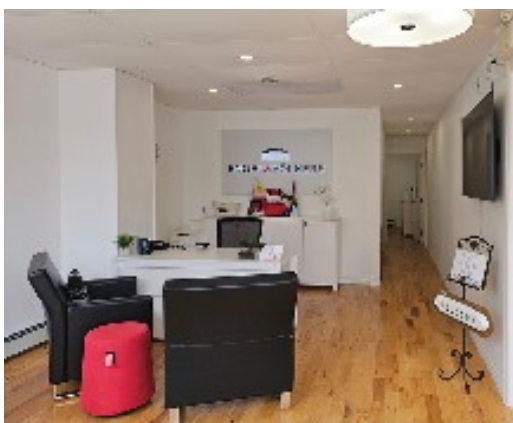
Think about how much has changed in your life and in your community since 2019. It's been seven years since the last Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey – the largest of its kind in Canada – and so much has shifted in our lives since then.

Invitations to participate in the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey will arrive in your mailbox starting February 23rd.

This is an opportunity to have your story heard on the issues and things you care about most – because when we choose to tell our stories, our experiences can shape decisions that make life better for us all.

Learn more at <https://www.engagenovascotia.ca/our-survey>

**Share your Story  
Take the Survey  
Seed our Future**



### ENGEL & VÖLKERS®

As part of our commitment to supporting local businesses, committees, and non-profit organizations, we would like to offer you the use of our conference room at our Annapolis Royal location, 241 St George St, free of charge.

Our space is ideal for meetings, events, and collaborative gatherings. It comes equipped with the following amenities:

- Kitchenette for your convenience
- TV hookup for presentations or project displays
- Magnetic white board for presentations / brainstorming
- Ample space and seating for your group
- Parking

We believe in fostering community connections and would be delighted to offer this resource to you and your organization at no cost. Whether you need a place for a small meeting or a larger gathering, our space is available whenever you need it.

Please feel free to reach out to us to reserve a time or if you have any questions. We also would be happy to give you a tour of the space. Contact [novascotia@evrealstate.com](mailto:novascotia@evrealstate.com) for more info!



# DOUBLES CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

**Sunday** March 8th

**Sunday** March 22nd

Play Starts at 12:30pm  
(sign in at 11:30am)

**\$20 per Team**

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place  
based on participation

**Maximum of 24 Teams**



Please Register in Advance  
Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21  
For Info Call: Legion @ 532-5196



**FRIDAY NIGHT  
MUSIC WITH:**

**HOURGLASS**  
March 6th  
7 - 9pm

Chase the Ace Draw at 8pm!  
**Annapolis Royal Legion**  
66 Victoria St.



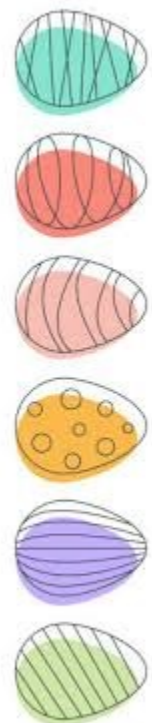

**EASTER**  
Craft & Collectibles  
Sale

**Saturday March 28th**  
9am - 1pm

**Annapolis Royal Legion**  
66 Victoria St.

Soaps, Art, Baked Goods, Collectibles  
Jewelry, Hand Made Crafts & More!

**Lunch Available from 10am - 1pm**



 **COUNCIL MOTIONS** 

**MOTION #C2026-02-18-03**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Town of Annapolis Royal's application for the Urban Forestry Management Plans aimed at building long-term municipal capacity to manage urban forest assets as critical climate infrastructure within a historic and ecologically significant small-town context. The Town of Annapolis Royal will work with AIM Network and commit to contributing \$7,000 towards the plan. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #C2026-02-18-04**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve second reading and passing of the Town of Annapolis Royal Building By-law #108. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #C2026-02-18-05**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve second reading and passing of the Town of Annapolis Royal Vending By-law #208. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #C2026-02-18-06**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve second reading and passing of the Town of Annapolis Royal Board of Police Commissioners By-law #116. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #C2026-02-18-07**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Emergency Transportation Services between Kings Transit Authority and the Annapolis Regional Emergency Management Organization (Annapolis REMO), as recommended by the Annapolis REMO Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #C2026-02-18-08**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve an increase in budget lines GL 01-23135Z for \$1,000 and GL 01-22170C for \$2,500.00 from the operating budget of 2025-2026. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #C2026-02-18-09**

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the budget process for the Annapolis Royal Police Service 2026-2027 budget for Police Protective Services of \$566,420.17 and Law Enforcement of \$15,050.00 **Motion carried.**